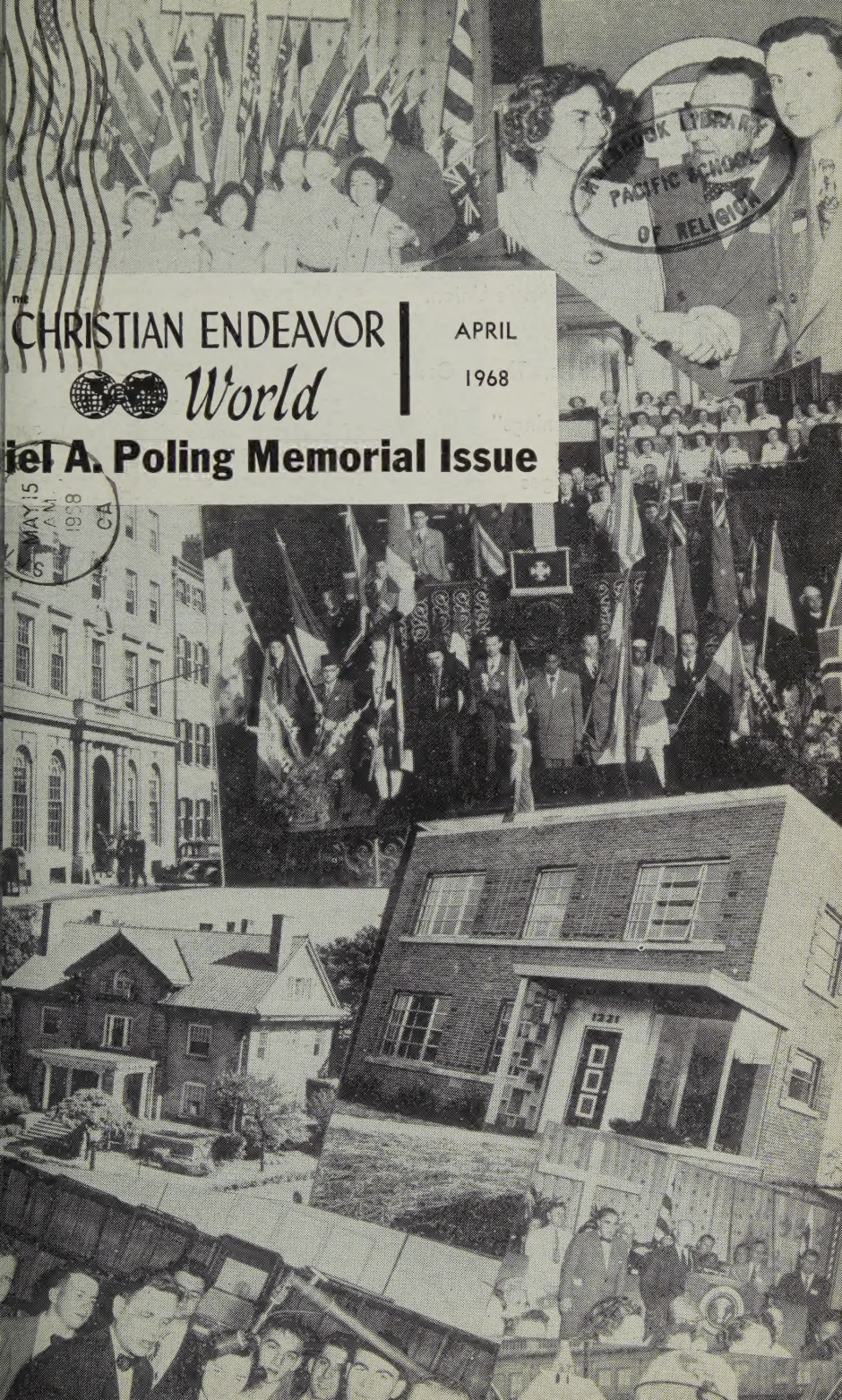

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Daniel A. Poling

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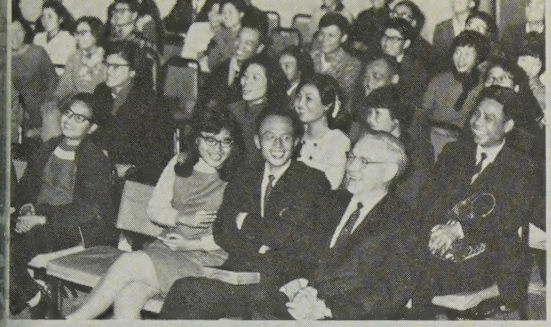
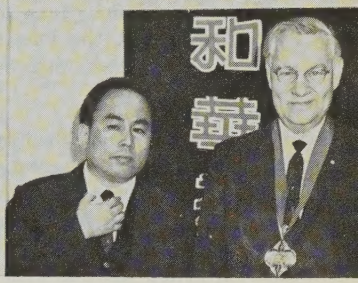




Clyde Meadows with youth in Taiwan (left) and singing a duet at a meeting sponsored by Overseas Radio and Television, Leland Haggerty (former California Endeavorer), director. In Hong Kong (right) 200 Endeavorers heard Bishop Meadows speak through this interpreter.

Fifteen Countries, Three Continents

Traveling 38,400 miles, delivering 97 sermons and addresses to groups as small as 20 and crowds up to 1,800 people — that's the record of Bishop Clyde W. Meadows' recent world tour as president of the World's Union.

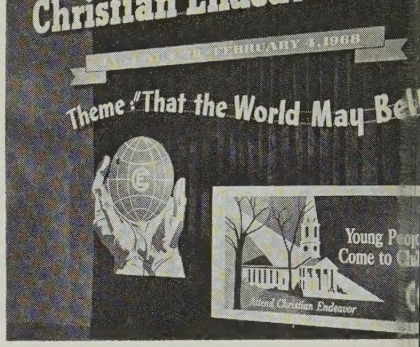
After meetings in Illinois and California, he left continental United States January 8, returning to New York City March 1.

"Racism and nationalism is a problem everywhere," reports Bishop Meadows. "In India white missionaries are not welcome; in Kenya one is quite conscious that it is 'Kenya for black Kenyans'; in South Africa segregation in its severest form is the law and the practice."

Bishop Meadows observes, "A major portion of missionary work in today's world is being carried on by independent groups. The organized church seems to have drifted into a relaxed indifference to the needs of the world." He cites two mission activities: "ELWA radio and hospital is a tremendous operation in Liberia, sending forth the Gospel in many languages to all parts of Africa. The Africa Inland Mission in Nairobi with over 250 missionaries is doing a great work among the native people."

In summing up the trip Bishop Meadows says: "In visiting and touring extensively around the world at this time, one is made painfully aware of how sadly the world needs the Gospel of Christ."

This display appeared at the Rochester (New York) Gas and Electric Company, thanks to efforts of Eugene G. Alhart.



BIRTHDAY "HAPPENINGS"

Christian Endeavorers marked the 87th birthday of the movement by a wide variety of activities.

1,000% Increase

The Junior High Society of First Christian Church, Roseburg, Oregon, held a membership drive in preparation for the Week. The sponsors, Beverly and Wayne Ashworth, report that the group started with nine youth and in four weeks grew to a phenomenal 87 young people! A snow retreat culminated the drive, with 75 attending. The sponsors say, "It all began with four dedicated young people who had been praying together for this growth at their weekly prayer group. Great things are being done here through these young people!"

Proclaims the Week

In Cleveland, Ohio, Mayor Carl B. Stokes (the city's first Negro mayor) issued a Proclamation for Christian Endeavor Week. Four girls from Riverview Church were interviewed over Radio Station WGAR. The Cuyahoga County Banquet was January 27 at Sixth United Presbyterian Church with Bill Goodwin as toastmaster and Rev. Clinton Baker speaking. Youth at Sixth United and Miles Avenue Church of Christ took charge of morning worship February 4.

Window Displays

The Mercer County (Pennsylvania) Union sponsored a window display contest, won by the Senior High Society of Union Presbyterian Church, Mercer. Endeavorers of Pinson (Alabama) Presbyterian Church prepared a display emphasizing missions in the window of a downtown building.

Alumni Participate

The annual banquet of the Richmond Area (Virginia) Fellowship was held February 2 under the chairmanship of Elizabeth M. McKnight. Speaker was Rev. Walter Kennedy of Newport News.

Adults of the New Dundee (Ontario) United Brethren Church joined with the youth to present a musical program at the Eventide Home, Kitchener, February 7, and provided refreshments for the social hour which followed.

Juniors Take Part

The play "God's Book Is Found" was given by Junior Endeavorers of Northport Christian Church, Newport, Tennessee, at the combined society meeting January 28.

Juniors of Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church, Boyertown, Pennsylvania, joined with older youth to sponsor a birthday party with parents as guests. These societies also took charge of a Sunday evening service with over 100 present.

Thirteen Endeavorers of Warwood Christian Church, Wheeling, West Virginia, received a Christian Endeavor pin February 4 for attending society meetings for 13 straight Sundays.

1968 HONOR ROLL

Societies, unions, and other groups which have enrolled during Decem-er, January, and February in the 1968 Christian Endeavor Roll Call re listed here. Each of these organizations has received an enrollment ertificate. Those receiving a gold seal certificate have contributed $100 r more. Red seals are used on certificates to those giving $50 or more, vhile blue seals represent a contribution of at least $15.

Groups are arranged alphabetically by states and provinces. Others which enroll in March and later months will be listed in future issues.

UNIONS

Gold Seal

Golden Rule, Washington, D.C.
Maryland Union
Lancaster County, Pennsylvania
Texas Union

Red Seal

Alabama Union
North Carolina Union
West Virginia Union

Blue Seal

Golden Gate, California
Los Angeles County, California
Colorado Union
Vermilion County Alumni Association, Illinois
Carroll County, Maryland
Michigan Union
Adult Alumni Department, New Jersey Union
Queens County, New York
Westchester Alumni, New York
Columbus Area Adult Fellowship, Ohio
Hamilton Fellowship, Ontario
Lambton County Fellowship, Ontario
Montgomery County, Pennsylvania
West Branch Junior, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania
Roanoke, Virginia

OTHER GROUPS

Gold Seal

Department of Christian Education, Church of the United Brethren in Christ, Huntington, Indiana
Bruton Road Christian Church, Dallas, Texas

Red Seal

Alpha Alumni Council, National City Christian Church, Washington, D.C.

Blue Seal

First Presbyterian Church, Woodlake, California
St. Paul A.M.E. Church, Columbus, Ohio
First Evangelical Congregational Church, Easton, Pennsylvania
Zion German Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Grace United Brethren Church, Sherkston, Ontario

SOCIETIES

(The name or age group of the society is listed where known)

Gold Seal

Societies of Ebenezer Reformed Church, Morrison, Illinois

Red Seal

Hopewell United Brethren Church, Auburn, Indiana
Adult Community, Greenville, Pennsylvania

Blue Seal

Pinson Presbyterian Church, Pinson, Alabama
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Wilmington, Delaware
Club, Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.
Capitol View Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.
First Baptist Church of West Washington, Washington, D.C.
Senior, Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.
Third Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.
Young People's, Turner Memorial A.M.E. Church, Washington, D.C.
Zion Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.
Alumni Council, United Congregational Church, Chicago, Illinois
Senior, Bethel Presbyterian Church, Peoria, Illinois
Union Chapel United Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana
Junior High, South Side Christian Church, Hammond, Indiana
College, College Park United Brethren Church, Huntington, Indiana

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Mt. Zion General Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana
Adult, Crestview United Brethren Church, Lafayette, Indiana
Intermediate, Bethel Reformed Church, Sheldon, Iowa
Sebree General Baptist Church, Sebree, Kentucky
Junior and Junior High, Bark Hill Church of God, Union Bridge, Maryland
Young People's, Colwood United Brethren Church, Caro, Michigan
Senior High, Ferndale Christian Church, Ferndale, Michigan
Lafayette Federated Church, Lafayette, New Jersey
Senior, Community Church of Little Neck, Little Neck, New York
Junior-Senior High, New Baltimore Reformed Church, New Baltimore, New York
Senior, Our Saviour Presbyterian Church, Staten Island, New York
Senior, Dutch Reformed Church, Woodstock, New York
Guilford County, High Point, North Carolina
Junior-Senior High, Covenant-First Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio
Intermediate, Miles Avenue Church of Christ, Cleveland, Ohio
Junior, Miles Avenue Church of Christ, Cleveland, Ohio
Senior, Miles Avenue Church of Christ, Cleveland, Ohio
Sixth United Presbyterian Church, Cleveland, Ohio
Senior, United Presbyterian Church, Covington, Ohio
Adult, Otterbein United Brethren Church, Rockford, Ohio
Wren Circuit, United Brethren Church, Wren, Ohio
Senior, Roseville United Brethren Church, Roseville, Ontario
Youth Fellowship, Wilmot Centre United Church, Roseville, Ontario
High School, Garrison Road United Brethren Church, Fort Erie, Ontario
Junior, Garrison Road United Brethren Church, Fort Erie, Ontario
Senior High, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, Ontario
Adult, New Dundee United Brethren Church, New Dundee, Ontario
Adult, Grace United Brethren Church, Sherkston, Ontario
Junior, Grace United Brethren Church, Sherkston, Ontario
Keystone League, Grace Evangelical Congregational Church, Allentown, Pennsylvania
Societies of Emmanuel Evangelical Congregational Church, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
Societies of Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church, Boyertown, Pennsylvania
Adult, King Street United Brethren Church, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania
Adult, Mt. Pleasant United Brethren Church, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania
Young Adult, Mt. Pleasant United Brethren Church, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania
North Liberty United Presbyterian Church, Grove City, Pennsylvania
St. David's Lutheran and United Church of Christ, Hanover, Pennsylvania
Societies of Westmoor Church of Christ, Kingston, Pennsylvania
Junior High, Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church, Lititz, Pennsylvania
Sandy Hollow Church of God, New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania
Doubling Gap Church of God, Newville, Pennsylvania
Leacock Presbyterian Church, Paradise, Pennsylvania
Alumni, St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Alumni, Zion German Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Grace Evangelical Congregational Church, Reading, Pennsylvania
Senior High-Young People's, Bruton Road Christian Church, Dallas, Texas
Junior, Christian Fellowship Church, Alexandria, Virginia
Primary, Christian Fellowship Church, Alexandria, Virginia
Senior High, Christian Fellowship Church, Alexandria, Virginia
Young Adults, Christian Fellowship Church, Alexandria, Virginia
Adult, Jerusalem Chapel United Brethren Church, Churchville, Virginia
Junior High, Jerusalem Chapel United Brethren Church, Churchville, Virginia
Adult, Mt. Olivet United Brethren Church, Mt. Solon, Virginia
Young People's, Mt. Olivet United Brethren Church, Mt. Solon, Virginia
Young People's, Bethlehem Congregational Christian Church, Disputanta, Virginia
Junior, Third Presbyterian Church, Petersburg, Virginia
Junior High, Village Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Virginia
Junior, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, Virginia
Junior High, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, Virginia
Fifth Street United Brethren Church, Staunton, Virginia
Adult Fellowship, First Evangelical United Brethren Church, Martinsburg, West V

ntroducing:

The Awards Judges

Selecting the winners in the 1968 Christian Youth Witness Program re the five judges pictured below. The recipients of the Albert H. Diebold .wards will be announced April 25. Awards presentations will be arranged ooperatively by the International Society with Christian Endeavor leaders nd/or local church leaders.

Societies and Unions

For the entries from societies and ocal unions, judges are Harold N. ogart, Detroit, Michigan; Rev. S. eorge Bovill, Portland, Maine; and ev. E. Bruce Jacobs, Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Bogart, who was general chairnan of the 1967 Detroit Convention ommittee, is director of manufacturng development for Ford Motor ompany and an active Presbyterian ayman. He is a member of the Inernational Society Executive Comittee.

Mr. Bovill is minister of Williston ongregational Church, where Chrisian Endeavor was organized. He was ctive in Christian Endeavor in Masachusetts before entering the minisry and is currently on the Internaional Society Executive Committee s well as advisor of the Williston enior Society.

A retired clergyman, Mr. Jacobs s a United Church of Christ minster and presently is chaplain of oodwill Industries, Columbus. He eaded the Christian Citizenship Deartment of the Ohio Union for eight ears and also served as vice-presient.

Individuals

Entries from individual youth are being judged by Mrs. Eleanor Searle Whitney of Locust Valley, New York, and Dr. Kenneth L. Wilson of White Plains, New York.

Mrs. Whitney, a former concert, opera, and oratorio soloist, in 1957 committed her life completely to Christ during Billy Graham's New York Crusade. She has repeatedly been selected among the best dressed women and received the first Golden Hat Award of the American Millinery Institute. Since 1957 she has traveled extensively, speaking and singing for the Lord. A former Christian Endeavorer, she is presently active in St. John's Church of Lattingtown.

Named editor of CHRISTIAN HERALD magazine in 1967, Dr. Wilson has a long career as a Christian writer and editor. He sold his first article at the age of 13 and has been writing ever since, including a book *Angel at Her Shoulder*. He was ordained to the ministry by the Christian (Disciples) Churches of Pittsburgh and is now active in First Baptist Church of White Plains. He met his wife at a Christian Endeavor meeting.

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George Bovill

Bruce Jacobs

Eleanor Whitney

Kenneth Wilson

NEWS

Photo by Joseph G. S. Robinson

Alumni from Maine and Massachusetts met March 30-31 at Williston Congregational Church in Portland, where Christian Endeavor was founded. At the head table are (from left) Roland P. Blodgett, NEW ENGLAND ENDEAVORER editor; Mildred A. Perkins, grandniece of Mrs. Francis E. Clark; and Rev. S. George Bovill, Williston pastor, who planned the weekend program.

Personalia

New president of CHRISTIAN HERALD association, succeeding his uncle, Daniel A. Poling, is *Rev. David Poling*. Recipient of a scholarship through the Eli Lilly Foundation was *Rev. Walter M. Burkholder*, general secretary of the department of Christian education of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ; he spent three weeks in March attending the Church Executives Development Program at Montreat, North Carolina.

Biennial Theme Banner

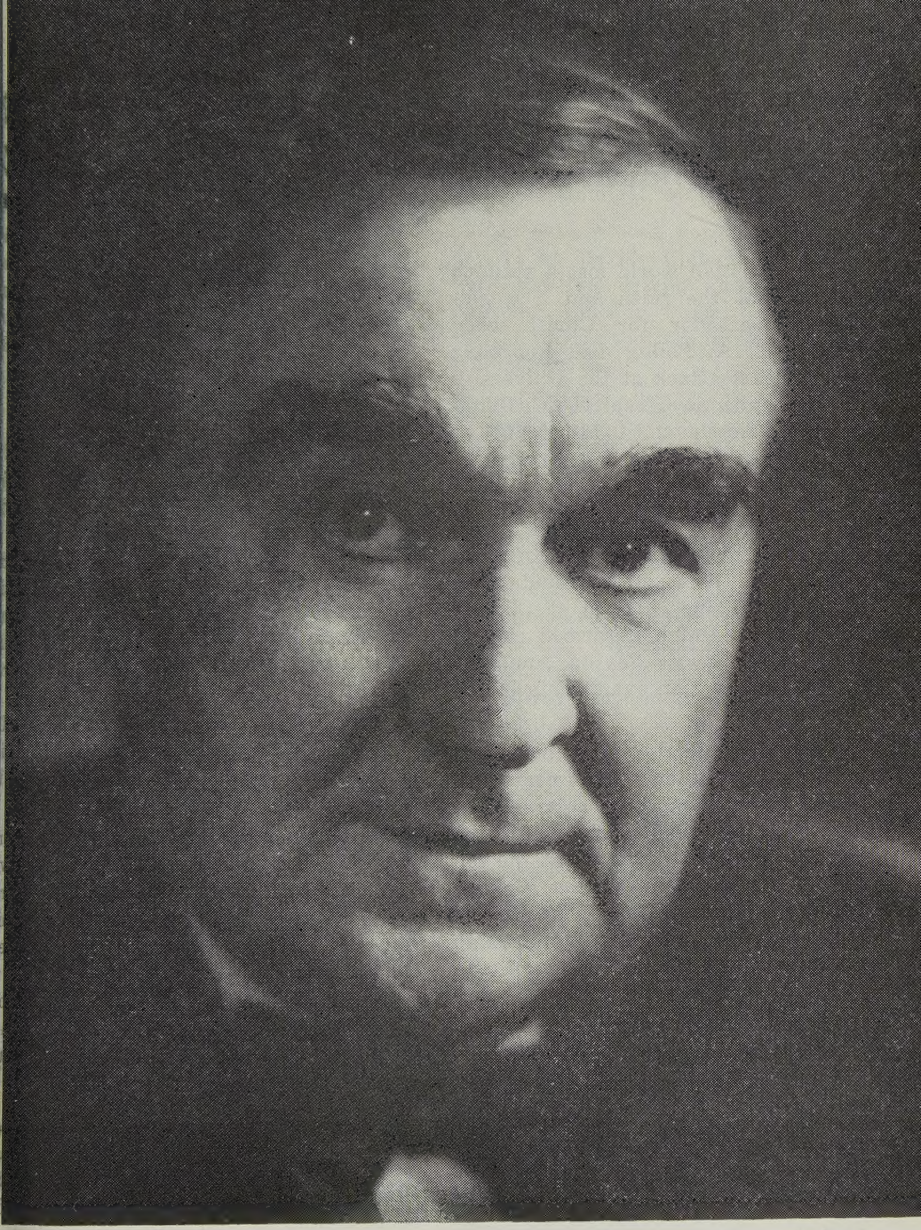
The biennial theme banner, "Jesus Christ Is Lord," used at the 1967 Detroit Convention is available on a loan basis from the Lehigh Valley Union. This very large banner may be secured for use at rallies, conventions, etc., by writing to Rita Rodenbach, union president, at 34[illegible] 8th Ave., Bethlehem, Pa. 18108.

Jamaica 1968

Program personalities announced to date for the Fifth Area I Conference of the World's Union and the 75th Diamond Jubilee Convention of the Jamaica Union include Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, World's Union president; Elwood Dunn, International Society president; Rev. Benjamin Alvarez T., Presbyterian minister from Mexico; William J. Sharpe, Area I general secretary of the World's Union, and Dr. P. M. Sherlock, vice chancellor of the University of the West Indies.

The conference will be held in Kingston, Jamaica, August 8-11, with meetings in the East Queen Street Baptist Church and the adjoining George Lisle Education Center. Meals will be served in the cafeteria of the Center and low-cost dormitory housing will be available in addition to hotel accommodations. Write Columbus Headquarters for details.

Members of the Poling family are very appreciative to Christian Endeavorers around the world for the many expressions of concern received at the time of Dr. Daniel A. Poling's death. Because of the large volume of messages personal acknowledgments may be delayed. To all Endeavorers the Poling family is most grateful and says a heartfelt thank you.



IN MEMORIAM

Daniel Alfred Poling

1884-1968

Minister of religion, editor, novelist, radio speaker, leader in civic movements, counselor of philanthropists, and friend of youth . . a dynamic Christian whose influence over half a century circled the globe.

The Christian world lost a staunch defender of the faith and a worldwide ambassador for Christ when Dr. Daniel A. Poling died February 7 of a heart attack at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia. Active until his death at the age of 83, he was in the city for the silver anniversary service of the Chapel of the Four Chaplains.

Daniel Alfred Poling was born November 30, 1884, in Portland, Oregon, one of nine children of Charles C. Poling, a Dutch Reformed clergyman, and his wife Savilla Ann, one of the first women evangelists in the West.

Young Poling's schooling was marked by athletic and oratorical prowess as well as by scholarship — he earned a college degree before he became of age. Graduated at the top of his class from Dallas College (founded by his father), he was a star fullback, played championship basketball, and was a track man. He maintained a rugged, athletic physique throughout his life.

After studying at Lafayette (Oregon) Seminary, he accepted his first call to a United Evangelical church in Canton, Ohio, in 1905. While attending Ohio State University and serving a student pastorate in Columbus, he became associated with the Christian Endeavor movement in 1908 as field secretary for the Ohio Union.

So successful was he that he was called to Boston by the International Society of Christian Endeavor to serve, successively, as citizenship superintendent, president's associate, and associate president. He was elected president in 1925, an office which he held until 1949. On the death of the founder, Dr. Francis E. Clark, he became president also of the World's Union in 1927; he retired from this position in 1962 and was named honorary president for life.

At the time of his death he was editor-in-chief of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD and a member of the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees of the International Society and of the World's Union.

In his youth Dr. Poling worked as a lumberjack, farmer, railroadman, and reporter. He suffered severe gassing while doing YMCA relief work in Europe during World War I.

He served pastorates at the famed Marble Collegiate Church in New York City (1922-1930) and at Baptist Temple in Philadelphia (1936-48), where he was also chaplain of the Chapel of the Four Chaplains. This is an interfaith memorial to the four young clergymen of three faiths who lost their lives in the sinking of the transport S.S. DORCHESTER February 3, 1943. His son, Rev. Clark Vandersall Poling, was one of those chaplains who surrendered their life jackets to men who had none.

Although frequently engaged in politics, Dan Poling fought all his life to preserve the separation of church and state. Though too young to serve if elected, he ran for governor of Ohio on the Prohibition ticket in 1912. Four decades later he ran

unsuccessfully for mayor of Philadelphia as a Republican.

As editor of CHRISTIAN HERALD from 1925 to 1966, he made the monthly one of the nation's outstanding organs of Protestant opinion. After his retirement he remained active as president of Christian Herald Charities, which operates the Bowery Mission and other projects.

The recipient of 14 honorary degrees, he also received many other awards and honors. He was the first clergyman to receive the Medal of Merit, the highest civilian award given by his country. In 1949 the International Society honored him with International Youth's Distinguished Service Citation and he was named "Clergyman of the Year" in 1963 by Religious Heritage of America.

During the 20's one of the nation's most popular radio preachers, he was later on many radio and television broadcasts. He was the author of a syndicated column and of more than two dozen books, including four novels. He logged over two million air miles in worldwide travel and served several presidents of the United States on commissions and special assignments.

Daniel Poling's interests were so widespread that no one organization could contain him. He was the founder of Allied Youth in 1931 and was a moving force in the organization of the All-American Conference to Combat Communism in 1950.

Dr. Poling married Susan J. Vandersall in 1906. A year after her death in 1918 he married Lillian Diebold Heingartner, who died January 23, 1967. He is survived by a son, 6 daughters, 20 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren.

The children are Rev. Daniel K. Poling, pastor of the Fort Washington Collegiate Church, New York City; Mrs. Rachel K. Berry; Mrs. Mary S. Wood; Ann L. Poling; Elizabeth J. Poling; Mrs. Treva M. Roy; and Mrs. Joan M. Malcolm.

Funeral services were held February 11 at Marble Collegiate Church, with his friend and successor, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, officiating. Burial was in the family plot in New Hampshire.

On his 80th birthday International Society leaders presented Dr. Poling with a plaque expressing appreciation in these words, "Friend, confidant, counselor, inspirer, leader — with affection, appreciation, and admiration, for his untiring efforts for Christ and the Church through Christian Endeavor around the world, so wonderfully expressed in his life, his service, his gifts to the movement . . . 'always abounding in the work of the Lord.'"

Francis Clark and Daniel Poling in the early 1900's.

Christian Endeavor Reminiscences

By Daniel A. Poling

These paragraphs were selected from an article written by Dr. Poling in 1962 and from his autobiography, "Mine Eyes Have Seen," released in 1959.

Many years ago, I wrote the following verse during one of my Quiet Hour periods at Sagamore Beach, Cape Cod, which was then the home of Dr. Francis E. Clark and many of his Christian Endeavor associates.

Born in the mind of God with motive pure exalted

And mission vaster than its far-eyed prophet knew,

This plant of heaven's love and spirit's tending

In brave New England's soil took root and grew.

My introduction to Christian Endeavor came during my Lafayette years when a gracious lady who was a member of my father's congregation, Martha Barden, organized what was, I believe, the first Junior Christian Endeavor Society west of the Rocky Mountains. In this society I learned the Scriptures and had my first experiences in speaking in public and in public prayer.

My associations with Dr. Clark himself began when we met at an Ohio Christian Endeavor Convention. I came immediately under his spell. A benign, considerate, thoughtful personality, an inspirational speaker and a fine administrator, he encouraged my interest in young people's religious activities, and I in turn saw the possibilities in his international, interdenominational Christian Endeavor movement. And so it was that in 1908 I began to engage in general church activities as a Christian Endeavor leader, and did not again serve a local congregation until 1920.

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As did most of the Protestant churches, Christian Endeavor wholeheartedly supported the prohibition movement, and it was as a delegate to the International Christian Endeavor Convention of 1911, held in Atlantic City, that I heard the fighting slogan, "A saloonless nation by 1920, the three hundredth year from the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth." The slogan captured the imagination of the increasingly united prohibition forces, and I used it with telling effect in my first bid for elective office the following year.

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The International Christian Endeavor Convention of 1913 was held in Los Angeles. One of the most moving experiences of my life occurred during this meeting when, following my citizenship address, the audience

swept forward, gathered up the flags and banners, and staged a spontaneous marching demonstration, shouting our slogan, "A saloonless nation by 1920!"

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In 1915 the International Christian Endeavor Convention, bringing together delegates from the United States, Canada, and Mexico, was held in the Chicago Coliseum. It was one of the last great gatherings I remember participating in before the advent of electrical amplification for the speakers' voices. "Father Endeavor," as Francis Edward Clark was familiarly known to his followers, was stricken with typhoid fever, and the heavy task of presiding fell on me, his young associate. Memories of my Dallas speech teacher's constant exhortation to "Let it come out!" returned to me, and I let it.

Regardless of its substance, my message at least carried to the farthest listener in that vast barn of a place, and I'm sure that my vocal performance, as much as anything else, resulted in my being elected associate president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

* * *

I was twenty-four years old when I became field and general secretary of the Ohio Christian Endeavor Union. Five years later, Dr. Clark called me to his side where I became, successively, citizenship superintendent, president's associate, and associate president of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, which is now under its changed corporate name, the International Society of Christian Endeavor. Then in 1925, the mantle of presidency was draped across my inadequate shoulders by our beloved founder. I succeeded him in the convention held in Portland, Oregon, where I was born, 3,000 miles away from Portland, Maine, where Christian Endeavor was born.

* * *

In the summer of 1926 I took my entire family to England. My excuse was that I did not wish to be lonely while I attended the World's Christian Endeavor Convention, held in the Crystal Palace. This was an occasion of distinction in size and program. The tens of thousands of Endeavorers who crammed that famous old structure of Victorian days were mostly from the United Kingdom, but included representatives of some forty countries.

For our leader, "Father Endeavor" Clark, the occasion was one of farewell, though he did not know it. After his lifetime of service at the head of

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The Polings with seven of their eight children. Son Daniel K. is at the left, with Clark on the right.

Dr. Poling (seated, center) with representatives of many nations at the 193 Berlin Convention.

Reminiscences *(continued)*

the movement he had founded, he had reached the time for retirement — but it was retirement forward and upward. The following year, after Dr. Clark's death, I was elected his successor.

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Beginning in 1930, following my resignation from the Marble Collegiate Church, I took periodic leaves from the CHRISTIAN HERALD and went abroad to attend conventions and to organize or reorganize Christian Endeavor unions in Spain, Italy, and the Bible lands.

In 1930 the World's Christian Endeavor Convention was held in Berlin. Over twelve thousand young people attended, and there were delegations and representatives from mor than forty nations. During the da there were conferences and sermons Bible study groups, citizenship meet ings, and personal evangelism. A night, in the great auditorium, th convention sang to the music of dozen massed bands and orchestras.

The closing demonstrations c these world conventions are alway very moving when the singing dele gations march to the platform wit their national flags. I remember th night at our Berlin convention whe a German delegate rushed forwar with the German national embler and offered it to the leader of th British delegation. After those tw flags changed hands on the platform all the flags changed. Our meetin

LILLIAN D. POLING traveled wit her husband around the world. Ha waiian Endeavorers showered the with these leis in 1952 at the firs Area I Conference. For ten year Mrs. Poling was president of th American Mother's Committee. Sh is remembered as the leader of Fe lowship of Prayer Conferences a many International conventions. D Poling said of her that she was master of achievement and that th one word which was most hers wa selflessness.

nded in this mighty and inspiring emonstration of unity.

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Later, when my own Christian Enleavor missions took me overseas, I ame to know Dr. Clark's contemoraries in the United Kingdom, in ermany, in India, in Australia, and ust about everywhere.

My travel log now records more han four million miles, and more han two million of these, since 1926, ave been covered in the air, on vhat I believe have been my God-apointed missions. Through the war ays and in the troubled peace, I ave flown down the airways of the vorld to and beyond the most remote slands of the most remote seas. And verywhere I have found Christian Enleavor in all its tongues and colors teadfast in the faith that was first nade articulate by the inspired words vritten by Francis E. Clark more han eighty years ago — "Trusting in he Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do vhatever He would have me do."

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How glorious has been my privilege and opportunity! How forever ndebted I am to my Heavenly Father and to all of these truly great men and women with whom I have lived and moved and served, and whose nemories enrich both mind and soul.

CLARK V. POLING is one of the war-hero chaplains memorialized by his mural in the Chapel of the Four Chaplains in Philadelphia and by the Chapel itself. The DORCHESTER was torpedoed and sank within 27 minutes with only 226 surviving of the 904 men aboard. The story of the chaplains who stood praying on the deck while the ship disappeared inspired this mural. Dr. Poling said that he was sustained by that unforgettable picture; lost in action, they were found of God.

A Tribute to Dr. Daniel A. Poling

(Excerpts from a Citation presented to Dr. Poling in 1962 by the International Society)

We cherish this opportunity to express our deep appreciation for your brilliant and devoted leadership.

Only in heaven can the complete record of these years of leadership be recorded in its entirety. The number of persons you have brought to Christ and the number of young people you have influenced to give their lives to Christ in full-time Christian service can never be counted nor recorded on earth.

Gratefully we express our thanks to God for you, Dr. Poling. You have traveled more widely and testified for Christ more frequently and in more diverse ways than any other person in Christian Endeavor. Your compensation, beyond our lasting gratitude, has been and will continue to be the commendation of your Divine Master: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

"A vigorous activist who achieved success as a preacher, novelist, essayist, editor, and foundation executive, Dr. Poling played a role in almost every major social and political struggle of this century." — THE NEW YORK TIMES

His life was rich in service to God and to our nation. His voice was unwavering in the defense of justice and his efforts were generous in the search for honorable peace. The responsibility with which he carried forward his duties to his church and his devotion to the public trust remains an inspiration for generations of Americans to come. — *Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States*

We are shocked and deeply grieved to learn of the sudden passing of a noble man and our beloved friend. We recall that throughout our long friendship his invariable reaction to whatever happened was imbued with Christian charity. — *President and Madam Chiang Kai-Shek, Republic of China*

His deep concern for youth and his courage and fruitful efforts in the field of racial and social justice contributed greatly in furthering the cause of human rights and dignity. — *Whitney M. Young, Jr., Executive Director National Urban League*

His life, dedicated as it was to mankind, will insure for him a place in the hearts of all who knew him. — *J. Edgar Hoover, Federal Bureau of Investigation*

There is no doubt that he was one of the most remarkable men of this century. His lifelong dedication to his country always embodied his devotion to God and his fellowman. — *Richard M. Nixon, former Vice-President of the United States*

He will undobutedly take his place in history as one of the world's greatest Protestant leaders and a renowned humanitarian, who has left an indelible influence upon thousands in all walks of life who benefitted from his sympathetic understanding and valued counsel. — *James C. Penney, founder of the J. C. Penney Company*

Dan Poling made an enormous impact on three generations, for the kingdom of God. His influence on my own life cannot be calculated. I have lost one of my close friends and counselors. — *Billy Graham, Evangelist*

He was so big that he never wore any labels except the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Nobody ever led so many youth as Dan Poling in Christian Endeavor. Some of the leading figures of our time were members of Christian Endeavor and loved Dan Poling and love him today as I do. — *Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, Marble Collegiate Church, New York City*

Poling Memorial Fund

The International Society of Christian Endeavor has established a Poling Memorial Fund as a permanent tribute to the memory of Dr. Daniel A. Poling. This Fund will also memorialize Lillian D. Poling and Clark V. Poling. It will be held in perpetuity, with the income being used for the ongoing work of Christian Endeavor in North America. Gifts may be sent to the Poling Memorial Fund, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, U.S.A. 43216.

Perhaps the most outstanding floral tribute at Dr. Poling's funeral was this Christian Endeavor emblem in red and white carnations sent by the International Society and the World's Union. The family chose this one piece to accompany the hearse to New Hampshire for the burial service.

A VICTORY SERVICE

Representatives of the three major faiths paid tribute February 11 to Dr. Daniel A. Poling at his funeral service in Marble Collegiate Church, New York City, where he was once pastor. The church was nearly filled to its capacity of 1,200.

It was a victory service — just what Daniel Poling would have wanted.

Participating were the three ministers of the historic Collegiate Church: Dr. Ernest R. Palen, Middle Collegiate Church; Rev. Daniel K. Poling, his son, Fort Washington Collegiate Church; and Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, his successor at Marble Collegiate Church.

After reading selected messages of condolences, his son gave this tribute from the Poling family:

> We held him in our love and prayers through the years with the most sincere devotion and pride. Whatever he was to his closest and most loyal admirers and associates outside the family he was many times multiplied to us. As different as we are from each other he made no distinction between us when it came to his love, counsel, favor, and concern. Always we felt and knew this to be true.
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> Some say it is difficult to be the family of a highly regarded and well known parent. For myself and I believe for the others this was not true. The name was our father's. He made it. We rejoiced in it and respected him for it and endeavored to do what we could to live up to it.
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> His two sons followed him in the Christian ministry. My brother, if he could, would join me in saying, "Our father led us into the lifework where we knew God wanted us to be."

He closed the family's tribute by quoting a favorite poem of his father's, "Life Is Eternal."

Dr. Peale's sermon was a tremendous tribute to his friend and predecessor, Dan Poling, and to the faith that Dan exhibited for Christ for well over three-quarters of a century.

Dr. Peale said, "Daniel A. Poling was no ordinary man. He was very extraordinary. He was one of the extra large leaders of the Christian Church. Indeed, he ranks with the greatest figures of the Christian Church in the history of this country. There have been few like him. * * * Had he not dedicated his vast talents to God and the Church, he would have been one of our greatest political leaders, perhaps even president. * * * He was a colossal figure in our land. I hardly expect to see his like again. He combined within himself a synthesis which so many people have tried to separate — the personal Gospel and the social Gospel. * * * His faith was undiluted. * * * This man whom we memorialize is a great man."

"He being dead yet speaketh"

Many activities of Dr. Daniel A. Poling's extended and fruitful life will cause his memory to be cherished by multitudes around the world for years to come.

I remember when I first saw him in action in the middle 20's at the Ontario Convention. As a young pastor I sat in that audience and said to myself, "What a man of God. Lord, make me like that!" From that time on I read everything I could get hold of written by him and sat at his feet whenever possible. He was a "spiritual father" to me.

Dr. Dan, as those of us among his younger associates familiarly called him, was a man of strong convictions and expressed them with persuasive logic whenever he felt the cause of Christ could be served. We always knew what he meant and where he stood. Sometimes, though rarely, we disagreed with him, but we respected him and loved him.

His whole life seemed to focus in service for Christ and the Church under the banner of Christian Endeavor. He said to me once, "I have given much of my life to Christian Endeavor, but Christian Endeavor has brought blessings to me that far outmeasure all that I have given to the movement."

I count it a high honor and serious responsibility to serve as his successor in the office of president of the World's Union. It was with his endorsement that I was elected in 1962 and it was with his blessing that I was on the other side of the earth at the time of his passing on a Christian Endeavor world tour.

In the providence of God may the mighty works of Daniel Poling be carried forward and multiplied in the earth to the glory of the Lord whom he served with efficiency and faithfulness.

Bishop Clyde W. Meadows (U.S.A.)

In 1949 I went to Berlin to assess the type of help we could give in respect to the re-education of German youth (this was during the Berlin blockade). Whilst there Dr. Poling also visited the beleaguered city and I shall always remember his efforts through General Mark Clark, to help German Christian Endeavor by allocations of printing material and a large tent for their work. He also arranged a dinner and their appreciation of that meal, after living on dehydrated food, was something to behold. He loved the brethren — this was shown not only in expression by lip but also in practical action.

William J. Sharpe (England)

I counted it one of the privileges of my life to call him friend. What a wonderful, radiant life he lived and what a great ambassador for his Lord!

Dr. Allan J. Blair (U.S.A.)

With a firm handclasp Dr. Poling gives good wishes to his successor Bishop Meadows at the World's Convention in Sydney.

Dr. Daniel A. Poling was a great man. In his passing, I have lost my best friend. There is no man in all this world for whom I had higher regard or greater esteem. He had the greatest faith of any man I knew. He was kind, charitable, intelligent, generous; a man of unusual ability and full of compassion. He had a steeltrap mind. He could deal with the mighty in government and business and was constantly found walking with the humble and lowly. Thousands and thousands mourn his leaving this life but rejoice that he has entered his eternal home. He was a great man.

Norman Klauder (U.S.A.)

For over 40 years Dr. Poling and I had close and intimate fellowship in Christian Endeavor service. Without doubt, he was one of the great youth leaders of the Christian Church. He was endowed with many rich natural gifts of intuition, vision, direction, and leaderhip, and these he freely gave to Christian Endeavor. For his years of devoted service we thank God!

Dr. James Kelly (Scotland)

Dr. Daniel Poling had all the qualities of true nobility. Though he walked with the highest he never lost the common touch. Endowed with a noble mind and fine brain, he had about him an innate courtesy which was especially noticeable when he mixed with children and young people, even as it was when he was the intimate of great world leaders. Dr. Poling was in the tradition of Francis Clark, whom he nobly succeeded, and he guarded safely and enriched the heritage which he has passed on to us.

Rev. F. Rupert Gibson (Ireland)

This plaque in recognition of his 35 years as World's Union president was presented to Dr. Poling at the 1962 Sydney Convention. With him are George Nelson (left) and Norman Klauder.

Daniel Poling and I were knit together in a very wonderful and mutually precious bond. I thank my God upon every remembrance of him. Our friendship by correspondence and personal fellowship extends over 49 years when he was the associate to Dr. Clark.

George H. Nelson (Australia)

Our father in faith, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, is not only a great leader of the Christian Endeavor movement worldwide, but for our Japanese Endeavorers he is also a supporting friend and big searchlight. Ah! We cannot see him any more on the earth, but I believe that he is present with us and in the movement of Christian Endeavor.

Kojiro J. Hata (Japan)

Dr. Poling with Mr. Hata at the Tokyo Airport October 1967, his last visit to Japan.

". . . always abounding in the work of the Lord"

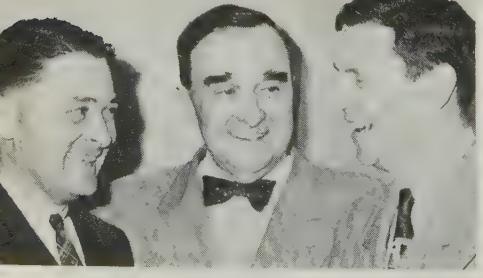
Dr. Daniel A. Poling has been called to higher service. His death means a great loss for the Christian Endeavor movement. Dr. Poling was well known and much loved in German Christian Endeavor. He attended some of our conventions and inspired our young people, especially at the 1958 World's Convention in Frankfurt. We shall never forget how he helped us in the dark years after the war to get the license for our magazine "Die Jugendhilfe." He did indeed a great work for us. May the Lord give Christian Endeavor always such leaders with spiritual power and inspiration.

Rev. Arno Pagel (Germany)

Daniel Poling was preacher, author, chaplain, and leader; he was the friend of United States presidents and truly an international figure. As the successor to our founder, Dr. Clark, he piloted Christian Endeavor through a long and effective period of its history. Let us treasure his friendship and his contribution as world president. His example and his faith are ours to share.

Richard Cleaver, M.P. (Australia)

A happy moment during the 1949 Toronto Convention with International Society leaders Dr. Gene Stone (left), general secretary, and Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, who succeeded Dr. Poling as president.



The Church has lost one of he most eminent and profound leade and a dynamic personality. His lovin disposition, keen spiritual insigh dedicated living, and love for Go and fellowmen have brought hundre of thousands of young men and wom en all around the world to the fol of Christ and inspired and enthuse them to serve Him and the Churc We raise our hearts to Almighty Go in praise and gratitude for the ex emplary life and the consecrated serv ice of Dr. Poling for his Master, th Church, and the world.

Rev. E. Tychicus (Indi

How he has strengthened our faith I shall always remember his "I be lieve," his first words on rising eac morning. The name of Poling will b remembered with love and affectio this side of the Atlantic and in ou family circle there will always b Adrian Poling (our eldest son) t remind us of a great Christian ge tleman.

Douglas B. White (Englan

Dr. Daniel A. Poling made a tri mendous impression on my life. D Dan, as I called him, was a man God; humble, human, energetic, e thusiastic, and dynamic. He was modern Apostle Paul, who witnesse through his personality in the pulp via his pen, and in the arena of pu lic affairs. He was not afraid to tak a stand and to stay with his decisio — and his "batting average" wa high. He indeed loved people and wi his strong body and his big, sto heart was willing to bear his ow burdens and the burdens of other He was a glorious blessing to sever generations. Long will he be remem bered and long will his influence felt.

Dr. Gene Stone (U.S.A

The voice of a silver-tongued orator as been stilled. Stilled, did I say? Vell, perhaps, but that one voice will e heard for many moons through ıe voices of hundreds, perhaps thouıds, who were influenced and helped nd led into the positions of Christian ıymen in all walks of life by that ne voice. The powerful influence pon people the world over, particuırly young people, has come to an nd, we are told. Not so — for the orks and the example and the urgıg to greater and greater activity for Christ and the Church" cannot e ended so abruptly. The life of that reat man cannot *be* ended. Helper, ounsellor, co-worker, wonderful riend, he has slipped from my side ut not my life.

Carroll M. Wright (U.S.A.)

It seems that always I had known)r. Poling. I was a teen-ager when first met him. He was a very preious and dear friend; a wise counelor; fearless, kind, and sympathetic. 'he most cherished conversation I ad with Dr. Poling was after I had een nominated for the office of presdent of the International Society. Never shall I forget his very wise ounsel, his sound advice and guid-

)r. Poling and Dr. Earle W. Gates, hen International Soicety president, presenting Citation to Richard M. Nixon in 1959 at Philadelphia.

A good program was the verdict when Dr. Stanley B. Vandersall (left) and Carroll M. Wright reviewed the Grand Rapids 1937 International Convention schedule with Dr. Poling.

ance. As best I could I thanked him for that very wonderful experience. Often we referred to it and even as I write I hear his voice of love. Dr. Poling was a big man physically and when he would put his arms around me he tugged me closer to the Master he loved and served. And now they are together — and Mrs. Poling and Clark are with him. What a reunion!

Arch J. McQuilkin (U.S.A.)

I remember him as a man and as a Christian. As a man he had a certain sincerity and honesty that was easily recognized. He was warm, friendly, congenial, and had a great sense of humor. Many times we in the International Society had to turn to him for his wise counsel and understanding. Always he spoke with authority and with a deep concern for the individual. As a Christian Daniel Poling had a warmth and glow that was readily communicated. He lived his Christian life in a very practical way. He led Christian Endeavor down new avenues and opened up new opportunities. Always his concern was that young people should be confronted with Jesus Christ.

Rev. Ralph E. Robrahn (U.S.A.)

From Rev. Christian A. Tirre:

A TRIBUTE—A CHALLENGE

Christian Endeavor remains today a vital force in the life of the Christian Church because of the dedicated vision and efforts of Daniel A. Poling and all whom he inspired to service for Christ and the Church.

As a teen-ager the most impressive thing I remember from the lips of Dr. Poling was the recounting of his son Clark's decision to enter the chaplaincy in World War II. Dr. Poling told how Clark came to him one day before leaving for the service. He asked his father not to pray that he would come back as this would not be fair, but rather to pray that he would be adequate for whatever task would confront him. Dr. Poling said that he promised Clark that he and his wife, Lillian, would so pray. He went on to tell of the arrival of the telegram announcing Clark's death and then later the full account of how Clark Poling and three other chaplains gave their life belts and lives. Dr. Poling concluded by saying that God answered their prayers; Clark was adequate.

We would dishonor the memory of Daniel Poling if we were to have heavy hearts and a feeling of defea He would have our attention focuse on Jesus Christ whom He served faithfully and so long. He would r mind us of the pledge we have a taken, "Trusting in the Lord Jes Christ for strength . . ." He wou remind us of the Christian Endeav chapter, Romans 12, and its challen to each of us. Then he would pro ably call our attention to young pe ple; he loved young people around t world and they loved him. So mu of his life was spent for youth!

The Christian Endeavor Headqua ters building in Columbus, Ohio, named in Dr. Poling's honor. T dedicatory plaque reads:

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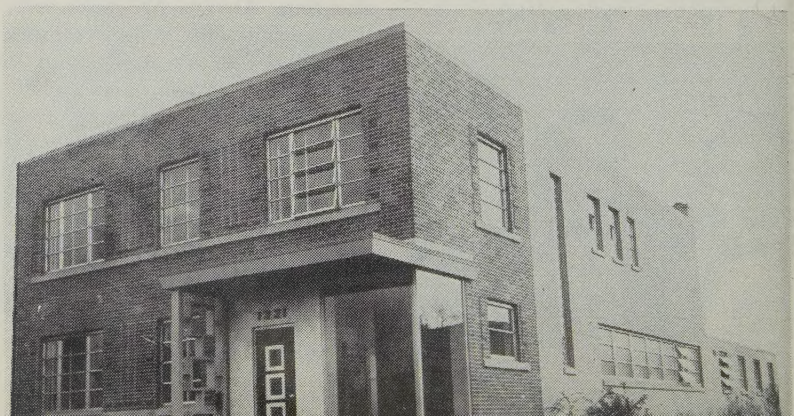
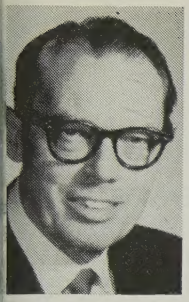
Dedicated to the glory of God and
the training of young people for
the service of Christ and the Church
December 6, 1953

The greatest tribute that we cou make in memory of Daniel A. Poli would be to follow the example his life of devotion and service. I us with new enthusiasm rededica our time, our abilities, our means winning youth to Christ and t Church.

The Daniel A. Poling Building





AS I SEE IT

Looking Across The President's Desk

By ELWOOD DUNN

A MAN Stood Up

My first sight of Daniel A. Poling as when he stood up to preach. He as positive, eloquent, and persuaive. There was humor, pathos, and uman understanding in his sermons. His messages were filled with human nterest stories that illustrated his oint. I remember him on an anniersary occasion at Waldenwoods, Michigan, when he was simply suerb in his oneness with the audience, is reminiscences, and his parting hallenge.

A MAN stood up to declare his osition. Daniel A. Poling was against verything that hurt people or handiapped the work of his Lord. His opposition was never personal. It was gainst poor ideas, bad judgment, vil or destructive attitudes. More nportant, this MAN stood for God, His Son, His Church, and the redempion of men. He was a MAN who tood for his country and labored to eep it great.

He was a MAN who stood before residents, who prayed with royalty, hought with theologians; yet he won he love of my six-year-old grandaughter in a matter of minutes.

He was a MAN who gave others the strength to stand with him. His capacity for encouragement of others was boundless. I sought his advice and help long ago as I faced an unaccustomed task. I had some deep convictions. He heard me out as always and then shared his wisdom, experience, and breadth of outlook. Not all others agreed with me, but he urged me on in my views. Subsequent history vindicated the decision, but I needed his encouragement and he gave it. I sought him when I was asked to be his somewhat removed successor in the International Society of Christian Endeavor. By letters, by quiet words in the odd moments of other meetings, he let me know his support. We left some things yet to be done, but the directional signs still stand.

A MAN STOOD UP and I hear him in my memory as he girded mind and heart to break the bread of life, "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer."

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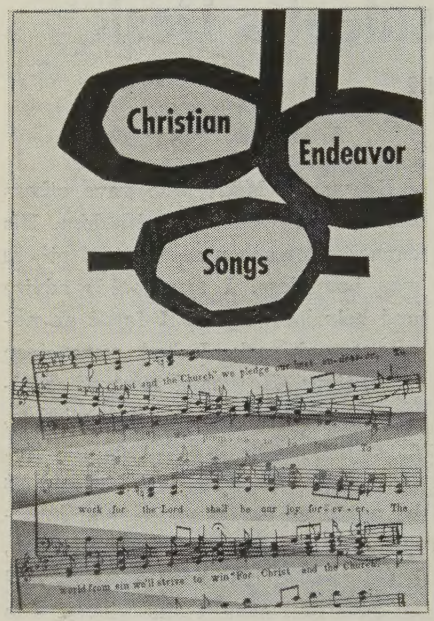

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